



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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From the President's Desk

Since I last reported to you, the Bridgeville Town Commission has adopted the first municipal Sex Offender Ordinance in the State of Delaware. This Ordinance limits any convicted adult sex offender from living within 2,500 feet of a school, school fields, child care center, or park. Fines and imprisonment are in place if an individual chooses to ignore this law. The only opposition to enactment of this legislation was the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The Commission adopted the Ordinance unanimously. Since its adoption, a number of Delaware Towns have expressed interest in enacting similar legislation.

We have begun work on an update of the Town's Certified Land Use Plan. The Planning Commission held a public meeting in March and a Workshop meeting on April 3rd. Comments from both meetings will be submitted to our land use consultant, Davis, Bowen and Friedel, for inclusion in our new plan. Once that draft has been completed, a series of public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and the Town Commission prior to adoption. Once adopted and certified, all requests for annexation that have been received will be brought forward for a vote by the people of Bridgeville.

Because of funds that the Town received from the Special Tax District fee that was levied when bonds for Heritage Shores were issued, we have been able to purchase our own street sweeper. We look forward to its delivery this spring. Once in place, Street Superintendent Rick Passwaters will develop a schedule for cleaning our streets. You will be advised as to the dates for cleaning so that vehicles can be removed to allow us to do a thorough job of cleaning our streets.

In the past when the Town annexed parcels, no property taxes were assessed until we actually provided services to that parcel. The Commissioners have chosen to simplify that system so that when a property is now annexed to Bridgeville, that property will begin paying Town taxes in the next tax year. We also adopted a \$1,500 fee that will be assessed on properties seeking annexation to Bridgeville.

We can again report that the financial picture of your Town is very bright. While other municipalities throughout Delaware struggle with their finances, we continue to develop surpluses in our accounts. At the end of February, 2006, Bridgeville had actual cash on hand of \$998,738. These increased revenues are a direct result of growth. We are providing greater services than ever before, including 24 hour a day, seven day a week police coverage. Unlike the doomsayers and the anti-growth people who want Sussex to remain their own private playground, we in Bridgeville have managed growth effectively and made it work for us. With growing surpluses, is a property tax cut far behind? Stay tuned.

Finally, the Commission will consider a moderately priced housing program for all newly annexed properties. Through the use of our developer's agreement, we will require that a number of units within the new subdivision be set aside as houses whose selling price will be controlled to make them more affordable to middle income folks. Not only that, we will require that people who now live in Bridgeville, their children, those who work for a Bridgeville business, including the Woodbridge School District, those in the military, and those who provide emergency services to our community, will be given priority when it comes to buying those homes. The price of homeownership is quite expensive today, but we must do something that will enable our young people to return home. This program may not be the final answer, but it is a beginning.

On a personal note, Joann and I would like to thank all of you who continue to pray for our son Joey, who is in Iraq. We appreciate your many cards and packages that have been sent to his unit. We had the pleasure of seeing Joey in March while he was home on R&R, and we look forward to October 18, 2006 when he is scheduled to return home. But let us not forget all of those who serve. May God bring them home safely and soon.

Joe Conaway

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

January 9, 2006

Traffic arrests for December were 129.

Thirteen building permits were issued in December bringing revenue of \$7,592.00.

A record 162 new construction, repair and accessory permits were issued in 2005.

Preventative maintenance was performed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Street Department has a new salt spreader and was able to recoup part of the cost by selling the previous spreader.

Fourteen water meters were installed and 4 water/sewer inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

The Water Department now collects Town water samples for bacteriological and nitrate testing for the Office of Drinking Water.

Wastewater Superintendent Mowbray attended a continuing education class presented by the Delaware Public Health Department on sampling guidelines for water testing.

The Town welcomed new patrolman, John Truluck to the police force. Officer Truluck was president of his class at the police academy and excelled in academics.

The Town presented a \$1,000 grant to the Library.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant will soon begin using ferric-chloride in its treatment process, an addition recommended by the Town's consulting engineer.

The Town Manager thanked Towers Signs and the Kiwanis Club for their assistance with the Christmas lights.

A Public Hearing was held concerning 25A Gum Street. The owner has applied for demolition funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Commissioners accepted a bid from Atlantic Machinery, Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland for the purchase of a new street sweeper. Anticipated arrival is early April.

President Conaway reported the sale of property on Route 13 to Goodwill Industries for regional offices, training facility and retail store.

The Commission approved a requirement that newly-annexed properties pay property taxes at the next tax year billing.

President Conaway presented the annual State of the Town of Bridgeville report, highlighting finances, services, accomplishments and new Ordinances in 2005. Copies are available at the Town Hall.

February 6, 2006

Traffic arrests for January were 155.

Twenty-nine building permits were issued in January bringing revenue of \$12,631.50.

The property at 109 N. Cannon St. is being sold. After demolition, there will be a new house on the lot.

The water line was repaired and roadway restored on Jacobs Ave.

Five water/sewer inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

The National and Delaware Rural Water Associations toured and surveyed the Wastewater Treatment Plant, identifying common problems facing the wastewater industry.

Route 13 /404 intersection has been re-prioritized. The design phase is almost complete, with construction set to begin in the spring of 2007.

The Commission presented a check for \$51,000 to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company from the emergency services building permit fund.

The Town will participate in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's 2006 Mosquito Control Program. Spraying takes place April to November.

The Town welcomed new patrolman, Robert Brode to the police force.

The Town has submitted a request to state legislators (HB 339) to amend the Town Charter, permitting the establishment of five voting districts for the Commissioners' general elections. If passed, this could take effect after the 2010 census.

A Public Hearing and second reading of Ordinance A06-1, Prohibiting Adult Registered Sexual Offenders from Residing within Certain Areas of the Town of Bridgeville, Delaware resulted in the adoption of the Ordinance.

The Town Comprehensive Plan is being updated. The Planning Commission has been convened to consider necessary changes to the Plan.

The Police Department received a grant from the State of Delaware Office of Highway Safety for National Child Safety Awareness Week February 12th - 18th. Child restraint law violations were identified and ticketed.

The Bridgeville Public Library requested permission to hold a Thursday night "Hometown Night" again this year before the 2006 Apple Scrapple Festival.

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

March 9, 2006

Traffic arrests for February were 229.

Twenty-nine building permits were issued in February bringing revenue of \$21,823.00.

Fifteen water meters were installed and 19 sewer/water inspections were completed at Heritage Shores. The foundation for a new Town water tower was installed on Wilson Farm Road.

This is the 89th consecutive month without a NPDES violation at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

Street Superintendent Passwaters was advised by the Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water, of his 92% passing grade for the Approved Sampler/Tester Training Examination. Congratulations to Rick.

The Commission accepted the Certificate of Election from appointed Election Judge William Hartzell for the March 4th General Municipal Election. The Oath of Office was administered to Pat Correll, Earl Greason and Margaret Sipple.

Commission appointments for 2006 were made: Joe Conaway, President of Commission; Margaret Sipple, Secretary; and William Jefferson, President Pro Tem.

Finance Director Savage advised the Town is in good financial standing. We are currently in a position to close the year with excess revenues.

The Planning Commission met on March 8th to discuss revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. They will meet again on April 3rd.

President Conaway presented a Proclamation designating March as American Red Cross Month.

After a Public Hearing and second reading, the Commission adopted Ordinance A06-2, amending the Town Code to include a \$1,500 application fee for property annexations.

A \$21,593 grant was received from the Delaware Emergency Management Agency to make physical and security improvements to the Town Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Well #2.

The Commission accepted a bid from Atlantic Pole Buildings of Camden, Delaware for a new metal pole building, providing office space for Public Works and storage for the new street sweeper and other equipment.

A Court of Appeals regarding tax assessments was scheduled for March 25th, noon to 1:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

The Town is ready to consider Phase II of a street/curbing repair and improvement project.

A meeting was held to develop an Emergency Disaster Plan for the Town on February 17th. Representatives from the Fire, local, and state Police Departments, Woodbridge School District and Sussex County Emergency Operations Center met with Commission President Conaway and Town Manager Walls.

An archeological survey will soon begin at the Tatman farm, the new spray irrigation site purchased by the Town.

Town Manager's Report

We anticipate going to bid for street and curbing projects in the near future. These improvements are made possible through funding by Senator Adams and Representative Ewing. We certainly appreciate their continued support.

I had the honor of attending the 67th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville's Charter Night on March 20th. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of men and women serving our community, particularly for their commitment to address the needs of youth. The Commissioners were given the opportunity at this meeting to present Mr. George "Sonny" Hardesty with the Jefferson Award for Community Service. Those of you who know Mr. Hardesty surely realize how deserving he is of the Award. A second award was bestowed by the Kiwanis to one of their own outstanding members. The George F. Hixson Fellow Award was presented to Ralph L. Scott, III for his dedication and devotion to the Club. Congratulations are extended to both recipients.

On April 5th, Bridgeville was the host to SCAT - Sussex County Association of Towns. We held the dinner/meeting at the Bridgeville Fire Hall with the Ladies Auxiliary serving a most delicious meal. On behalf of the Commissioners, we thank the ladies and gentlemen who prepared and served our dinner. My personal thanks to Ladies Auxiliary President, Mrs. Roselie Hastings, for all her help and kindness. We also extend our sincere thanks to Ralph and Paul Adams, Inc. for their scrapple donation to all those in attendance. The scrapple was a generous gesture and very much appreciated.

The SPCA will continue to make unannounced visits regarding dogs and cats running at large, requiring proper care, etc. Please take responsibility for your pets. Remember, no more than four household pets are permitted in a dwelling unit. Please have your cat or dog spayed or neutered.

Happy Easter!

Bonnie Walls

Town News

Marble Source Unlimited Donation

The Commissioners and Town Manager would like to extend their thanks to Ritchie Woodland and his staff at the Bridgeville business for their gift of new marble flooring and countertop for the foyer area of the Town Hall. Many visitors have commented on the improved appearance to the public area.

President Conaway presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Woodland at the March Commission meeting for their generous donation, allowing the Town to receive guests in a professional manner and project a positive image.

Municipal Election Results

This is the first election in the Town of Bridgeville since 2002. The one-year term currently held by Commissioner Pat Correll was uncontested and she retained her seat on the Commission.

The election took place with a 3-way race between incumbent Commissioners Margaret Sipple and Earl Greason, and newcomer Timothy Banks.

The incumbents were the top two vote winners; therefore they both returned to the Commission, each for a 2-year term.

We appreciate Mr. Banks' commitment to the community and his interest in running and trust many residents will have an increased interest in Town government.

Congratulations to the winners!

Sex Offender List Update

The Town of Bridgeville will continue to inform residents of sex offenders residing in or working around Bridgeville. The complete Sex Offender List was printed in the Jan/Feb/Mar 2005 issue of The Journal and copies are available at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Home City</u>
High	Hall	James J.	Bridgeville Zip
Moderate	Hicks	Bartholomew A.	Bridgeville Zip

Jefferson Awards

In 1972 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard founded the American Institute for Public Service to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service – The Jefferson Awards.

The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. National award recipients represent a "Who's Who" of outstanding Americans. On the local level, Jefferson Awards recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. The Town Commissioners have had the distinct privilege of awarding two of Bridgeville's "Unsung Heroes" and their families with Jefferson Awards.

On January 21st at the Bridgeville Fire Hall, President Conaway awarded the Jefferson Award posthumously in memory of Joseph H. Evans to his daughter, Kim VanBuskirk and son, Kevin Evans, for 41 years of volunteerism and community service. Joe even left this world serving, as he suffered a heart attack while responding to an alarm in July of 2005.

On March 20th during a Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville event, President Pro Tem William Jefferson presented the Jefferson Award to George F. Hardesty. Well-known in the community as "Sonny," Mr. Hardesty has been devoted to volunteerism through many church, civic and community organizations, ranging from the Fire Company and Little League to Town Commissioner and the Kiwanis Club.

Historic Marker Unveiling

The Delaware Public Archives will be placing an historic marker for **Edward Willis Redfield** on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St. The unveiling ceremony will be June 13th at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Episcopal Church on William St. The Bridgeville Historical Society is sponsoring this event and the general public is invited to attend. The following information (edited for this article) will appear on the marker:

Edward Redfield

Landscape painter Edward Willis Redfield was born near Bridgeville, Delaware on December 19, 1869. After studying in Philadelphia and Paris, he 'retired' at the age of 29 to Buck's County Pennsylvania where he became leader of a colony of artists called New Hope Impressionists. Redfield combined Monet and Van Gogh styles creating an original concept, which brought him recognition throughout his life. In 1902 he began his annual summers in Maine and from that time forward, the coast provided subjects second only to the artist's beloved Delaware River landscapes, including his classic panoramic winter scene, "Late Afternoon." He died in 1965 in Center Bridge, Pennsylvania.

Town News

Please pay special attention to these Town Codes as we enter the spring and summer seasons.

Chapter 90 -No owner shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the Town limits.

No weeds, grass or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a high of eight inches at any time of the calendar year.

Ordinance A04-8 - No weeds, grass or other vegetation, clippings, etc. shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, or walkway.

Chapter 200 - Solid Waste All tree and lawn trimmings must be disposed of properly. No accumulation is allowed.

Chapter 205 - Swimming Pools Any outdoor structure set into ground or set above-ground, whether of solid construction or with inflatable sides, designed to hold water at a depth greater than two feet and intended for recreational use or viewing.

A. Private pools (new installations) require a permit.

B. Must be located on a lot on which there is a dwelling. Be located so the distance from water's edge to side or rear lot line is not less than required set back per Chapter 234.

C. Not located within front yard area.

D. All swimming pools, as defined, shall be enclosed by a fence, at least four (4) feet in height, and constructed of a material difficult for a person to pass through, such as wood stockade or chain link.

E. The gate or gates must be self-latching.

Dog Walkers:

Please Be Considerate of your Neighbors

For persons who walk their dogs, please do not allow them to defecate in other people's yards. Either take a plastic bag or "pooper-scooper" for clean up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attention Pool Owners

Pool meters are again available from the Town Hall for those who are interested. The metered hose will allow you to fill you pool with water **one time only during the summer** charging only for water, not for sewer. Pool meters must be returned within one week.

Notice from Delaware Solid Waste Authority

The Sussex Solid Waste Management Center on Route 20 in Laurel, Delaware has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Rain or Shine. This involves the collection of product containers marked with words, "Warning: Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive" or "Explosive." A detailed listing of items accepted is posted at the Town Hall, Bridgeville Public Library and the Post Office.

New Faces on the Block

Welcome to our new homeowners!

Amanda's Teal Drive:

R. Hagguist & C. Connor
The Donald Corrados
Ann Fleetwood
The Robert Freels
Francis Herbert
The Martin Kovalskys
The Brendan Lynches

Amanda's Teal Drive:

Kathleen McEvoy
The Larry Schmultings
The Charles Vickers
Will's Island Drive:
The Michael Kellys
The Charles McNelis
The Owen Tuckers

Emily's Pintail Drive:

The John Allens
The Alan Gerrins
The Harley Husteds
The Martin Johnsons
The Martin McMorrrows
The David Pasquarellos

Emily's Pintail Drive:

The Patrick Flynns
The Dennis Hills

Walnut Street:

Sam Magri

Cook Street:

Maria Amado

Community Activities

Bridgeville Public Library News

- On Wednesday, April 19th the Bridgeville Genealogical Discussion Group will host guest speaker, Ralph Nelson. The goal of this presentation is to encourage people to start or expand their genealogical information for their family's sake. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's Parish Hall, with light refreshments to follow. For more information or special needs, contact the Library at 337-7401.
- The Library requested and received seven replacement all-in-one Gateway computers through the Delaware Department of State PC Replacement Fund. Eight computer stations are now open to the public.
- Custom designed and hand-painted Bridgeville Library ornaments are available for purchase at the library for \$20.00 each. Proceeds go toward the new Library Fund.

Summer Park Concerts - 2006

Bridgeville Historical Society Park
Delaware & William Sts.

Wed. May 24 Woodbridge High School Band
Wed. June 14 Pink Grass (Ladies' Blue Grass)
Wed., July 12 Citizens Hose Firemen's Band
Wed., Aug. 3 Smooth Sound Band

Concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Bring Lawn Chairs and Blankets

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Bridgeville Lions Club

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Library Closings

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

Monday, May 29

Lions Club News

The Lions Club operates a hospital equipment loan service, which includes hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bedside commodes, etc. This service is available at no cost to residents of Bridgeville and the surrounding community. Contact Lion's Club member Charles Hawk at 337-8675 for more information and to arrange for delivery of the equipment.

Looking ahead, the Bridgeville Lions Club is preparing for the summer season and the opening of their food trailer on Main St. In July and August they will be serving oyster and crab cake sandwiches, along with french fries, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. The trailer is a major fundraiser for both the Lions and Lioness, allowing them to help the less fortunate and fund community projects. Be sure to stop by the trailer often and help them to help others.

George F Hixson Fellow Award

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club honored Ralph Lee Scott, III as the recipient of this prestigious award at their March 20th meeting. The award was established by the Kiwanis International Foundation in 1983 to honor George F. Hixson, first president of Kiwanis International, and to build the endowment fund of the International Foundation to benefit worldwide service projects.

Ralph Scott is owner and manager of a long-standing Bridgeville business, Scott's Furniture Inc. He grew up in Bridgeville and now resides in Seaford with his wife and two daughters.

Woodbridge Music Boosters

Car Show

(Trophies Awarded)

Yard Sale

(Bring your own Tables)

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Saturday, April 29

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(Behind Woodbridge H.S.)

For more information
Call Dawn Tomeski 337-0381

Christmas Home Decorating Contest Winners

The Kiwanis Club wishes to thank everyone who participated in the contest. It was a challenge for the committee to select the eight best decorated homes. Winning families received a turkey as their prize.

All the decorated homes added to the Christmas spirit and offered a warm and friendly welcome, not only to our local residents, but also to those who passed through our community to Christmas celebrations with family and friends. Congratulations to the following winners:

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Catherine Ross, 609 N. Cannon St. | 5 The Robert Richeys, 203 S. Main St. |
| 2. The Robert Dixsons, 313 First St. | 6. The Martin Morgans, 307 Market St. |
| 3. The Vic Williamsons, 107 Earlee Ave. | 7. The Bill Boyles, 401 Delaware Ave. |
| 4. The Joe Biancas, 309 Cedar St. | 8. The Bob Eagles, 416 Walnut St. |

Community Activities

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

President Frank Williams designated January as Safety Month. As a result of his efforts, on January 9th, local resident Mike Cook from the DE Task Force on Terror, presented a timely program on the effects of terror on our lives. On January 16th, the Club presented a plaque to Trooper Patrick Strock recognizing him as the Delaware State Police Troop 5 "Trooper of the Year." Invited guests included Delaware State Representative Ben Ewing and State Police Sergeant Marshall Craft.

In February the Club sponsored a special program for their Farm/City Night by hosting 30+ area farmers and agribusiness persons. The University of DE Extension Service shared a unique program concerning the population growth of Sussex County in relation to the influence it has on agriculture now and in the future.

On March 20th the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville celebrated 67 years of community service with a special dinner. Representatives from Clubs throughout Delmarva attended the occasion, along with the Governor of the Capital District Kiwanis.






Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue

Open late April - October

This includes every weekend plus Fridays during July and August. Funds raised support Kiwanis community service projects in the Bridgeville/Greenwood area. The barbecue facility is made available to organizations with an emphasis on service to children and youth. These organizations furnish helpers while Kiwanians donate their time as cooks. Last year \$27,000 was donated to the 16 organizations who worked at the Kiwanis barbecue.

Community Prayer Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club is again sponsoring this yearly event on Saturday, May 6th, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Union United Methodist Church. Tickets are available for \$7. Please contact Sonny Hardesty for more information, 337-7070.

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Important Dates to Remember



April 14 **Good Friday**
Town Offices Closed

April 16 **Easter**

April 29 **Woodbridge Music Boosters
Car Show and Yard Sale - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
Behind Woodbridge High School

Kiwanis Barbecue Opening Weekend

May 6 **Community Prayer Breakfast**
Union United Methodist Church, 8 a.m.

May 8 **Monthly Commission Meeting**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 24 **Summer Park Concert**
Historical Society Park, 7 p.m.

May 29 **Memorial Day**
Town Offices Closed

Memorial Day Celebration
Bridgeville Cemetery, Veteran's Memorial
9:30 a.m.

June 12 **Monthly Commission Meeting**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 14 **Summer Park Concert**
Historical Society Park, 7 p.m.

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